Statistics 133 Final Project:

Financial Exploration through Statistical Computation

Extra Credit Presentation



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RESEARCH PROBLEM

Technology industries show higher growth and higher beta, and therefore lower PE ratios.

Questions We Answered:

What is the relationship between beta and the payout percentage?

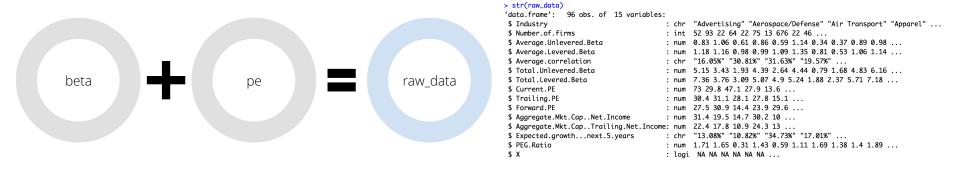
What is the relationship between beta and the expected growth rate?

Financial Terminology:

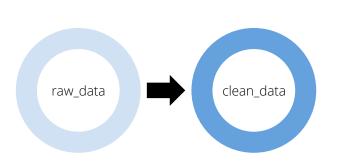
- PE ratio: market value per share / earnings per share
- Trailing PE: derived from previous four quarters
- Forward PE: calculated using estimated earnings for the next four quarters
- Market capitalization: total dollar value of a company's outstanding shares
- Unlevered beta: metric indicating the risk of a company to that of the market

DATA & PREPROCESSING

Raw Dataset from NYU Stern School of Business's Data Archives



Preprocessing Raw Data into Clean Data

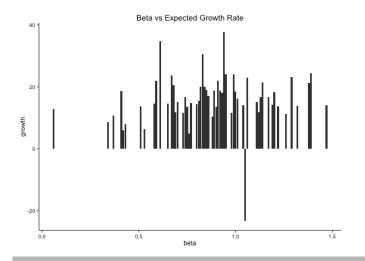


Steps:

- 1. Inspect elements within raw_data
- 2. Make a copy of raw_data called "clean_data"
- 3. Rename columns
- 4. Convert character columns to numeric vectors
- 5. Remove extraneous rows with missing values
- 6. Inspect clean_data
- 7. Write a CSV file of the processed data

METHODS & ANALYSIS

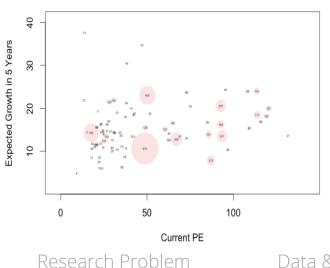
Histograms



- Used to graphically display the distribution of a variable and its corresponding value to another variable
- Looked at:
 - Current PE, Forward PE, Total Levered Beta, Growth
 - PE Ratio to Average Unlevered Beta
 - Average Unlevered Beta to Expected Growth Rate
 - Current PE to Expected Growth Rate
- We found that industries with high beta are growing industries such as online retail, real estate, and software and those with the lowest beta are stable markets such as finance or trucking

Bubble Plots and Scatterplots

Current PE Less Than 150 vs Expected Growth in the Next 5 Year



- Used to graphically display the relationship between two variables and add emphasis to a third
- Graphed multiple charts, some of which controlled for outliers
- Looked at:
 - Current PE ratio to Expected Growth in the Next 5 Years, with circles of size corresponding to the size of the specific industry
- We found that most industries had PE ratios that were below 150, but a few had extremely high Current PE, which skewed the data. When accounting for these outliers, we find that most larger industries have PE values between 50 and 100

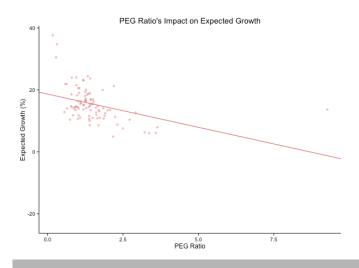
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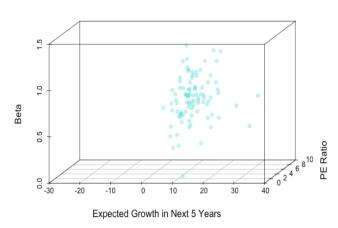
Linear Regression



- Used to illustrate the correlation and relationship between variables
- Had multiple scatterplots, some that controlled for outliers or other related variables to maintain accuracy
- Looked at the scatterplots and linear regressions of:
 - Current PE to Expected Growth in the Next 5 Years
 - Expected Growth to Average Unlevered Beta, Current PE, and PEG Ratio
- We found that there was a strong statistical significance of the PEG ratio to growth, as shown in the figure to the right

3D Scatterplots

3D Scatterplot of Expected Growth, PEG Ratio, and Beta



- Used to analyze the relationship between multiple variables
- Examined graph from multiple angles
- Looked at the 3D plot of:
 - Expected Growth in the Next 5 Years, PEG Ratio, and Average Unlevered Beta
 - Expected Growth in the Next 5 Years, Current PE Ratio, and Average Unlevered Beta
- We found that higher beta corresponded with expected growth (as predicted), higher beta was correlated with higher PEG ratio, and that lower expected growth equated with higher PEG ratios

Research Problem

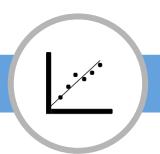
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Beta & Payout Ratio
Payout ratio is directly
correlated with PE ratio.
Thus, examining the
relationship of beta to PE
tells us that PE ratio is
negatively correlated with
beta, and thus payout
ratio is negatively
correlated with risk

Beta & Growth Rate
Higher beta corresponds
to a higher growth rate,
as expected. Industries
with higher beta and risk
are those that are
growing, such as online
retail, real estate, and
software, while stable
markets have lower beta.

Tech Industry
Because the technology
industry has a high beta,
by our analysis of growth
rate versus beta, it also
has a high growth rate.
Additionally, because
beta is negatively
correlated with PE ratios,
the industry has low PE.

Q&A

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